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FM AMEMBASSY BUDAPEST

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AMEMBASSY WARSAW

C O N F I D E N T I A L BUDAPEST 1806

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MARR, HU, US, VS

SUBJ: GOH RESURRECTS COURIER ISSUE

REF: STATE 191987 (SEPT 27, 1973)

1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH REFTEL EMB NOTIFIED MFA OCT 1, 1973, THAT FUTURE TRAVEL NOTIFICATION REGARDING HUNGDEL ICCS COURIERS SHOULD BE MADE DIRECTLY TO RVN. MFA HAS CONTINUED TO SEND NOTES REGARDING COURIERS AND ON JUNE 6, EMB POLOFF REITERATED USG POSITION THAT GOH SHOULD DEAL DIRECTLY WITH RVN IN SUCH CASES. ON JUNE 11, HE REFUSED TO ACCEPT NOTE ON COURIER TRAVEL AND AGAIN INFORMED MFA AS TO REASON.

2. IN NOTE VERBALE DELIVERED TO EMBASSY ON JULY 5, MFA ATTEMPTED TO STRESS IMPORTANCE OF MAINTAINING US AS CHANNEL FOR COURIER MESSAGES AND COMPLAINED ABOUT US REJECTION OF ITS JUNE 11 NOTE. EMBOFF DELIVERED NOTE ON JULY 9 REPEATING ESSENCE OF OCT 1 MESSAGE AND EMPHASIZING THAT EARLIER ACCEPTANCE OF ROUTINE COURIER NOTES WAS PART OF OUR EFFORTS TO FACILITATE INITIATION OF ICCS ACTIVITIES.

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3. MFA OFFICIAL (ENDREFFY) ACCEPTED EXPLANATION BUT REMARKED THAT US HAD "SPECIAL OBLIGATIONS" AS SIGNER OF PARIS AGREEMENT, INCLUDING THAT OF SAFEGUARDING HUNGDEL ICCS COURIER TRAVEL. HE ADDED THAT MFA MOST LIKELY RESPOND TO LATEST US NOTE IN LIGHT OF SERIOUSNESS IT ATTACHED TO MATTER.

4. GOH HAS ATTEMPTED TO MAINTAIN CONTACTS WITH RVN AT MINIMUM AND TO MAKE IT APPEAR US CALLING SHOTS IN SVN. AS HUNGDEL ICCS ALREADY INFORMALLY NOTIFIES RVN OF COURIER TRAVEL, NOTIFICATION THROUGH US MERELY PROVIDED GOH WITH SCAPEGOAT IN CASE SOMETHING GOES WRONG, AND ALSO HELPS MAINTAIN FICTION THAT "SAIGON ADMINISTRATION" NOT SOVEREIGN GOVERNMENT. GOH MAY NOW ATTEMPT TO RAISE ISSUE OF COURIER NOTIFICATION AT HIGHER DIPLOMATIC LEVEL, EITHER HERE OR AT WASHINGTON.

5. FOR WARSAW: WE WOULD BE INTERESTED TO KNOW IF POLES HAVE ATTEMPTED TO MAINTAIN US AS CHANNEL FOR NOTIFICATION OF COURIER TRAVEL.
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